

As a FREE Country, the Freedom to choose what we listen to is just as important to the people as being able to choose a religion. It has been announced that the lobbyist in DC are trying to make the FCC regulate the broadcasting of Local traffic and Weather on XM Radio. We are voicing our opinion so that the voice of the listeners can be heard. We feel that there is NO difference between local AM/FM broadcasting stations getting paid by advertising companies on the air, then the consumer paying XM to listen to uncensored radio and Local information. We have chosen to listen to XM radio due to the wide variety of stations and wide range to songs that are never heard on any AM/FM channels. As a couple that travels in their vehicle more than average, we have chosen XM for the convenience of being able to listen to a continuous station nationwide. We pay for this because the AM/FM Broadcasting is only local, that does not work for everyone. We also use the weather and traffic to project what will be encountered in a city that we may be going to. We also feel that is an invaluable option for our truckers that drive nationwide. If every trucker knew what the weather and traffic was like in a city that they would be traveling to, it may just be the most time efficient way to maneuver to a different route, saving the truckers time and the consumer money. In closing, WE THE PEOPLE are asking that the FCC to allow us to the opportunity to have the best programming available to us, we pay for it.